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SUBJECT: CALL ON PRIME MINISTER; BOUGUIBA MIDDLE
EAST PEACE INITIATIVE

1. DURING CALL ON PRIME MINISTER HEDI NOUIRA SEPT 5,
I REFERRED TO PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA'S MIDDLE EAST PEACE
INITIATIVE, WHICH HAD BEEN LAUNCHED DURING MY MEDICAL
ABSENCE. I EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT INITIATIVE HAD
SERVED AS A USEFUL STIMULANT AND HAD FOCUSED WORLD
ATTENTION ON ONE POSSIBLE APPROACH TO RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM.
I INDICATED MY UNDERSTANDING THE BOURGUIBA'S REFERENCE TO
1947 UN PARTITION PLAN WAS MEANT ONLY AS POINT OF DEPARTURE
FOR DISCUSSIONS AND ALSO AS BASIS FOR CREATION OF PALES-
TINIAN STATE. BUT I WENT ON TO STRESS THAT BOTH EGYPT AND
JORDAN, AS WELL AS ISRAEL, HAVE LOOKED UPON 1967 UN
RESOLUTION AS BASIS FOR A SETTLEMENT, A BASE POINT WHICH
CORRESPONDS WITH REALITIES OF CURRENT SITUATION. I
SAID US CONTINUES TO VIEW RESOLUTION 242 AS APPROPRIATE
BASIS FOR SETTLEMENT, WHILE AT SAME TIME RECOGNIZING
IMPORTANCE OF TAKING INTO ACCOUNT LEGITIMATE INTERESTS
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OF PALESTINIANS.

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2. PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT ADVANTAGE OF USING 1947 UN
PARTITION PLAN AS POINT OF DEPARTURE IN NEGOTIATIONS IS
THAT THIS PLAN LEGITIMIZED CREATION OF STATE OF ISRAEL AND,
IN ADDITION, ENDORSED CONCEPT OF PALESTINIAN STATE. THE
PROBLEM WITH 1967 UN RESOLUTION IS THAT IT IGNORES PALES-
TINIANS. I STRESSED, AS I HAVE FREQUENTLY TO FOREIGN MINISTER
MASMOUDI, THAT OMISSION OF WORD "PALESTINIAN" IN RESOLUTION 242
SHOULD NOT ASSUME SIGNIFICANCE. IN REFERRING TO "REFUGEES"
THE RESOLUTION, IN EFFECT, MEANT "PALESTINIANS". IN ANY
CASE, THERE IS GENERAL RECOGNITION THAT NO SETTLEMENT IS
POSSIBLE WITHOUT FULL CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO LEGITIMATE PALESTI
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